in each class. Shalimar Bagh and Lawrence Road Kendriya Vidyalaya have 'B' type buildings corresponding generally to an average of 3 sections and Pitampura Kendriya Vidyalaya has a 'C' type building corresponding to 4 sections.

(c) and (d) At Kendriya Vidyalaya Lawrence Road, the humanitnies stream is already available. So far as Kendriya Vidyalayas, Shalimar Bagh and Pitampura are concerned, humanities stream has not been opened as the neighbouring Kendriya Vidyalayas are meeting the present demand.

[Translation]

AFFORESTATION SCHEME IN UTTAR PRADESH

80. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether environment pollution is on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the corrective action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to implement efficiently afforestation programme with a view to contain air pollution; and

(d) if so, the districts in Uttar Pradesh where afforestation programme is yet to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Environmental pollution is on the increase in the country because of the pace and complexity of human activity.

(b) The Government has taken the following steps for the prevention, abatement and control of pollution :

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Portection) Act, 1986;

(ii) Net works of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

(iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for sitting and operation of industries;

(iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

(v) A time bound action-plan for control of highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991;

(vi) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and shifting of polluting industries from congested areas;

(vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to cluster of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

(c) The forests play a part in controlling carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere and reduce the level of solid particulate matter and noise, particularly in urban areas. This is one of the objectives of the afforestation programme. Emphasis is being given on plantnig more broad leaved species, this will help to keep pollutant level down.

(d) The afforestation/tree planting activity is being implemented in every districts of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

NEWS ITEM 'PRIZED EXHIBITS VANISH FROM MUSEUM

81. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Prized exhibits vanish

from museum" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated 21 March, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts of the case;

(c) the outcome of the probe, if any, conducted into this loss of prized exhibits; and

(d) the preventive measures taken for future in addition to fix the responsibility for such losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). Two animal skins were found missing from the children's activity room of the Museum on 9-3-91 and an internal enquiry was carried out to trace the skins. Since these could not be traced, the matter was reported to the police on 11-3-91. According to the Police Investigation Report, the skins have not yet been traced.

(d) Security measures have been strengthened and the concerned staff have been cautioned. Responsibility could not be fixed since no conclusive evidence is found.

[Translation]

MICROSURGERY OF EYES

82. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the facility of microsurgery of eyes of Soviet Union is available in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to extend this facility to all metropolitan cities of the country;

(c) If so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) and (b) Yes. At present 60 Medical Colleges and ten Regional Institutes of opthalmology have been provided with necessary equipment for microsurgery of eyes. R. P. Centre of Ophthalmic Sciences, and the Regional Institutes of Opthalmology provide training in eye microsurgery to the faculty staff of Medical Colleges.

The facility of microsurgery is available at present in all the metropolitan cities.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

RISE IN PRICE OF HOMOEOPATHIC DRUGS

83. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of Homoeopathic medicines are rising;

(b) whether the Government have increased the taxes on raw materials used in manufacture of homoeopathic medicines; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the rising prices of Homoeopathic medicines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The auxiliary duty of customs almost on all imported goods was enhanced with effect from 15-12-1990 and as a result the import duty on Lactose of a kind used in homoeopathic medicines, commonly known as 'Sugar of milk has gone up from 60% advalorem to 65% advalorem. There has been no chage in the Central Excise Duty on any raw material used for production of homoeopathic drugs during the last one year.

Under the Drug Price Control order, 1987, homoeopathic drugs are not controlled for prices.

[English]

SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY AT KALADI KERALA

84. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :